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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA MIGHT SEND OBSERVER TO MAY 2009 PSI
OUTREACH MEETING

REF: STATE 26136

¶1. On March 19, we delivered reftel invitation on the May 2009 Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Outreach meeting to Carlos Cordero of the MFA's Department of Disarmament, Terrorism, and Crime. Cordero appreciated the invitation and said that an observer from Costa Rica's consulate in Miami might attend the May 14 Outreach event, but he would confirm for us.

¶2. Cordero added that it was unlikely that Costa Rica would endorse the PSI Statement of Interdiction Principles due to Costa Rica's concerns about (what he termed) PSI's "contradictions" with the Law of the Sea. He did not elaborate further but said that Costa Rica does agree with parts of PSI, but probably could not endorse it without resolution of these contradictions.
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